

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Original) A mobile animal hospital for treating animals in a feedlot operation, the mobile animal hospital comprising:

a trailer having a frame and at least one set of wheels;

a squeeze chute mounted on the trailer, and wherein an entrance portion of the squeeze chute faces a back of the trailer, and an exit portion of the squeeze chute faces a front of the trailer; and

wherein the at least one set of wheels are adapted to raise relative to the frame of the trailer such that at least a portion of the frame of the trailer rests at ground level when treating animals.

13. (Original) The mobile animal hospital as defined in claim 12 further comprising an offset walkway leading from the back of the trailer to the entrance portion of the squeeze chute, the offset walkway forcing the animals to proceed in single file to the entrance portion of the squeeze chute.

14. (Original) The mobile animal hospital as defined in claim 12 further comprising:

- a first gate hinged proximate to a first side of the trailer and also proximate to the front of the trailer;
- a second gate hinged proximate to a second side of the trailer and also proximate to the front of the trailer;
- a third gate hinged substantially at a center of the trailer and also proximate to the front of the trailer; and

wherein the first, second and third gate may be selectively arranged to allow egress of the animals off one of the first and second sides of the trailer.

15. (Original) The mobile animal hospital as defined in claim 12 further comprising a set of fence panels connected to the back of the trailer, wherein the set of fence panels is adapted to fold up proximate to the back of the trailer for relocation, and wherein the set of fence panels is adapted to form a squeeze pen when unfolded.

16. (Original) The mobile animal hospital as defined in claim 15 wherein the set of fence panels connected to the back of the trailer further comprise:

- a first fence panel connected to and extending substantially perpendicular from the back of the trailer when in the unfolded configuration, the first fence panel connected on a first side of an entrance to an offset walkway leading to the squeeze chute;
- a second fence panel connected to and extending substantially perpendicular from the back of the trailer when in the unfolded configuration, the second fence panel connected on a second side of the entrance to the offset walkway;

a circular fence panel connected to the second fence panel, the circular fence panel's radius of curvature pointing away from the first fence panel; and

a gate panel connected to the first fence panel, the gate configured to swing within an area bounded in part by the circular fence panel.

17. (Original) The mobile animal hospital as defined in claim 12 further comprising:

a first hydraulic cylinder connected to a wheel on the first side of the trailer, and also connected to the frame, the first hydraulic cylinder configured to selectively raise and lower the wheel on the first side of the trailer; and

a second hydraulic cylinder connected to a wheel on the second side of the trailer, and also connected to the frame, the second hydraulic cylinder configured to selectively raise and lower the wheel on the first side of the trailer.

18-27(Cancelled)

28. (Original) A mobile cattle hospital comprising:

a trailer having a frame and at least one set of wheels;

a squeeze chute mounted on the trailer;

an offset walkway mounted on the trailer, the offset walkway leading from a back of the trailer to an entrance portion of the squeeze chute;

a plurality of gates hinged to the trailer that selectively allow cattle leaving the squeeze chute to exit the trailer to one of a first and second sides of the trailer;

a set of fence panels connected to the back of the trailer that are folded to be proximate to the trailer for relocation, and unfold to form a squeeze pen; and

wherein the at least one set of wheels are adapted to raise relative to the frame of the trailer such that at least a portion of the frame of the trailer rests at ground level when treating animals.

29. (Original) The mobile animal hospital as defined in claim 28 wherein the plurality of gates further comprises:

a first gate hinged proximate to the first side of the trailer and also proximate to a front of the trailer;

a second gate hinged proximate to the second side of the trailer and also proximate to the front of the trailer; and

a third gate hinged substantially at a center of the trailer and also proximate to the front of the trailer.

30. (Original) The mobile animal hospital as defined in claim 28 wherein the set of fence panels connected to the back of the trailer further comprise:

a first fence panel connected to and extending substantially perpendicular from the back of the trailer when in the unfolded configuration, the first fence panel connected on a first side of an entrance to the offset walkway leading to the squeeze chute;

a second fence panel connected to and extending substantially perpendicular from the back of the trailer when in the unfolded configuration, the second fence panel connected on a second side of the entrance to the offset walkway;

a circular fence panel connected to the second fence panel, the circular fence panel's radius of curvature pointing away from the first fence panel; and

a gate panel connected to the first fence panel, the gate configured to swing within an area bounded partially by the circular fence panel.

31. (Original) The mobile animal hospital as defined in claim 28 further comprising:

a first hydraulic cylinder connected to a wheel on the first side of the trailer, and also connected to the frame, the first hydraulic cylinder configured to selectively raise and lower the wheel on the first side of the trailer; and

a second hydraulic cylinder connected to a wheel on the second side of the trailer, and also connected to the frame, the second hydraulic cylinder configured to selectively raise and lower the wheel on the first side of the trailer.